MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : It can be done only if he had asked for the return.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether there was any complaint that the deposit of Messrs. Khan Bahadur H. M. D. H. Bhiwandiwala & Co.,' was given away while that of Mr. Latif Gafur Kazi was retained ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No such complaint, as far as I am aware, was received. The deposit would have been given, if only he had asked for it.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether there was any reason for deviating from the practice of calling for tenders for one year to two years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Sir, I have already said that I wrote to Government explaining the position and requesting permission to invite tenders for two years,

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I want the special reason with regard to this matter.

PRESIDENT : The Commissioner says that he wrote for the sanction of Government and got it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why he thought of asking permission of Government for extending the period to two years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Because the rate quoted for one year was too high.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I cannot understand the member.

PRESIDENT : On account of unfavourable rates; that is the answer.

The Butler of the Trivandrum Travellers' Bungalow.

190. ✻ **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there have been complaints to the effect that the butler of the Travellers' Bungalow, Trivandrum, is suffering from some contagious disease ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

Bridge at the Alwaye ferry.

191. ✻ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were representations from 1085 onwards for the construction of a bridge at the Alwaye ferry ;

(*b*) whether an estimate for it has been sanctioned ; and

(*c*) if not, when this work will be undertaken ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As soon as the necessary estimate is sanctioned and funds are allotted.

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